

**Response to Salt Lake City Corporation:**

1 & 2. It is my intention, at this point, to continue to hold meetings with the water users on the Utah Lake-Jordan River system to keep them apprised of plan development and solicit their input. It is anticipated that any plan will be issued on an interim basis in order to "work the bugs out".

3. Carrier water was accounted for when it was specifically included as part of a water right. In all other cases, carrier water is assumed to be included as part of the water right's duty. In the Welby-Jacob decisions it is stated that the question of duty and conveyance losses will be studied by the State Engineer; I will make a report and recommendation to the court on this subject as part of the adjudication process.

4. The State Engineer is charged with the responsibility of allocating and administering the waters of the State of Utah as they arise from their natural source. The Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) is the sponsor of the Central Utah Project (CUP) and is responsible for developing and placing to beneficial use those water rights that United States of America has obtained from the State of Utah for the CUP. I am working with the CUWCD and other entities to the extent my statutory authority allows. However, as State Engineer, I must maintain my objectivity and independence on all matters before me. In order to maintain this objectivity, I must conduct certain of my studies independently. Unfortunately, this does cause some overlap of

effort with those studies being done by other entities, such as the CUWCD.

5. I, as the State Engineer, am very flattered that Salt Lake City Corporation would make such a recommendation. However, most of the matters that such a "lake authority" would oversee are outside the statutory authority of the State Engineer.

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